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# Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Professional Licensure BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF ALLIED MENTAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PROFESSIONS

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# Massachusetts Board of Allied Mental Health & Human Service Professions Board Meeting Minutes October 21, 2016

#### **Present:**

William Ahearn, Chair
I. Scott Cohen, Member
Michael Dorsey, Member
Steven Kaplan, Member
Mary Jenewin- Caplin, Public Member
Susan Egan, Member
Jacqueline Gagliardi, Member
Marilyn Dean, Member

## **Absent:**

Dawn Parks, Member Karen Enegess, Member Amy Vercillo, Member Cynthia Belhumeur, Public Member

#### **Board Staff**:

Erin LeBel, Executive Director Eboni Lewis, Administrative Assistant Jim O'Connor, Board Counsel

**10:14 AM** Board meeting called to order and an emergency exit announcement was made. New Board member Mary Jenewin- Caplin Public member was introduced.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by I. Scott C., to approve the Minutes of the May 20, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Jacqueline G. and passed by the Board. Marilyn D. Abstained from the vote.

#### 10:35 AM: Executive Session

Jacqueline G. moved to suspend the open meeting to enter into Executive Session Pursuant to MGL c. 30A, §21(a)(1) to discuss character, rather than competency of applicant L.K.

The motion was seconded by Steven K. and a roll call vote was taken.

In favor: William A., I. Scott C., Marilyn D., Susan E., Steven K., Mary J., Jacqueline G. and Michael

D.,

Against: None

## 10:58 AM: The Board returned to Open Session

**11:00 AM:** A motion was made by I. Scott C. to ratify decisions made during the July 15, 2016 and September 16, 2016 Investigative Conferences Committee meetings. The motion was seconded by Michael D. and passed by the Board.

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#### Discussion Items:

- 1. The Board reviewed and discussed the AMFTRB Committee's review of ESL accommodations. A motion was made by Jacqueline G. to approve AMFTRB ESL accommodations. The motion was seconded by Steven K. All in favor
- 2. The Board reviewed all application decisions made by the application review committees and Board staff from May 20, 2016 to present. Michael D., motioned to ratify all application decisions. The motion was seconded by I. Scott C. All in favor
- 3. The Board reviewed a question presented by David Blustein of Boston College in regards to an issue that former students are facing regarding a defiencey in their practicum. Steven K. motioned to allow the students effected by the practicum issue to make up the deficiency during their Post Master's Clinical Field Experience. The motion was seconded by Jacqueline G. All in favor.
- 4. The Board discussed establishing an LMFT Standards Review Committee to begin the process of revising the LMFT regulations. A motion was made by Steven Kaplan and seconded by Michael Dorsey to establish the committee and appoint Jackie Gagliardi, Scott Cohen and Mary Jenewin-Caplin to the committee. Jackie G. agreed to serve as secretary for the committee. All Board members were in favor.

## 12:04 PM: Investigative Conference

I. Scott C. moved to suspend the open meeting to enter into Investigative Conference pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 112, Section 65C, to discuss the following complaints: **MH 16-030.**The motion was seconded by Marilyn D. and unanimously approved by the Board.

**12:10 PM:** Return to Open Session: while in Investigative Conference the Board made the following determinations:

MH 16-030 Dismiss, no violation found.

# Meeting adjourned at 12:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Eboni Lewis Administrative Assistant

#### List of documents:

- Approved applicants list
- May 20, 2016 minutes
- July 15<sup>th</sup> ad September 16<sup>th</sup> Investigative Conference